Principal’s Message

Welcome to the 2014 school year. We extend a very warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families. My staff and I look forward to getting to know you all.

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday and is ready for the year ahead. While this is our second week back, it is actually NSW Term 1 Week 3. To accurately align with schools across our State, we need to date all activities according to the NSW Term Planner – so we are now in Term 1 Week 3.

This year we welcome Miss Hulands to our staff. Miss Hulands will be teaching the 3/4/5/6 composite class. Miss Peake is again teaching the K/1/2 composite class, while Mrs Mertz and I will be teaching English and Maths groups and covering the Release for our composite class teachers.

Year 1-6 students began school last Wednesday, 5th February, and Kindergarten students began school on Thursday 6th February. All have settled quickly and are adjusting to the expectations of school learning.

Our schools will again be running four Stage-based learning groups - on Monday to Thursday from 9.00am-12.30pm for English and Maths. This structure provides tailored, individualised learning to all students in important areas of literacy and numeracy.

There is much ahead in Term 1. Swimming sports begin this week with District swimming in Swan Hill next Friday. We also have leadership inductions, and information sessions about class learning and our HOW2Learn program for all parents. Details will be issued to parents once the dates are confirmed.

We look forward to having you join us as the term unfolds. Enjoy the term ahead and all the learning and opportunities it delivers.

Catherine Peach

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Parents and community are reminded that our school office is only open three days in one week and four days the next. The office is closed each Thursday, and every second Wednesday.

When the office is not open, the school telephone will be manned during break sessions (11.00-11.30am & 1.00-1.45pm) and again after approximately 3.15pm. At other times during unmanned office days, the telephone is diverted to our mobile number – please leave a message.

Parents and community members are asked to note that the school’s telephone will not be answered during session times on Thursdays and the unmanned Wednesdays. It will be checked for messages during the breaks.

Telephone messages on these unmanned office days may not be received in time to deliver the message to a child prior to 3.00pm. Parents are to notify the school of any variation to routines via a written note to class teacher in the morning.

Wongi messages can be emailed directly to moulameinwongi@hotmail.com or dropped into the school during office hours on days when the office is manned.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS - FOR STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

Any student arriving to school late (approximately 10min or more after bell) will need to SIGN IN at the office, and receive a late notice to hand to their class teacher. Teachers will direct students back to the office if a late slip has not been collected.

Students leaving school early will similarly need to SIGN OUT. Parents need to report to the office prior to collecting their child, and sign themselves IN and OUT, and collect a note to hand to the teacher when collecting their child. Please do not move directly to classrooms.

40KM/H SCHOOL ZONES

40km/h speed zones operate on all NSW gazetted school days, whether you can see children or not.

Signs and white Dragon Teeth road markings indicate that a vehicle is entering a 40km/h speed zone.

In addition, our school has a flagged School Crossing that signals students may be crossing. This Crossing is manned in the afternoon but not in the mornings.

The bright orange flags are highly visible. Road users are asked to be especially vigilant with the commencement of the school year. We urge all drivers, riders and pedestrians to be alert and move safely and carefully on and along the road.
IN REVIEW - 2013 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our Presentation Night last December reflected on the 2013 school year. We reported on our programs and achievements and students entertained us with several performances.

As we explained on the evening, our aim as a school always is to have a dynamic, viable school with a strong culture of learning and continual improvement for all. Our teachers are dedicated to achieving this, and to making a difference for their students – your children.

Small our school may be, but …

⇒ the opportunities at our school are many
⇒ our partnerships in learning are numerous
⇒ and the high quality of learning programs is notable.

Our programs have been showcased as examples of excellence in learning and learning for the 21st Century, and we were delighted to celebrate our students’ achievements and efforts in learning together with our community.

Congratulations to all our students on their performance last year. Not every child received an award, but all can be pleased with the progress they made in 2013.

I would like to acknowledge here too our teaching and support staff who show such commitment and dedication to delivering quality learning experiences and service at our school every day, undertaking on-going professional learning, and working as a team to ensure our school operates well and looks great.

And these staff members do it very well. I am privileged and proud to have the teachers and support staff I do at our school working with me to deliver quality education in a caring and inclusive learning environment. Our 2014 staff are already showing their dedication, in school well before the first day to have everything ready to go.

As a school, we work hard to inform our community of what is on offer at our school. If you would like to know more, please contact the Principal. We have much to share and offer. Enrolments are welcome at any time.

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2013 PRESENTATION NIGHT ...

We were pleased to have John Williams, Member for Murray Darling join us for our Presentation Night in December last year.

Thank you to Mr Williams for being part of our evening, and thank you also to the many community people who helped with the award presentations and sponsorship for our end of year awards. Your support is very much appreciated.

And thank you to our school families for joining us and celebrating with us what was a great year.
FIRST DAY IN KINDERGARTEN 2014

Welcome to all our new Kindergarten students. Moulamein Public School is pleased to have these students and their families as part of our school.

Kindergarten students were happily learning about themselves and their classmates on their first day, drawing their faces after close inspection in the mirror - all different, all special and all ready to explore what school has to offer.